

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 8-54, and 56-90 are pending. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

- 1). Claims 49 and 85 were allowed. The indicated allowance is appreciated.
- 2). Claims 6, 22, 26-30, 32-33, 35, 40-41, 43, 50, 60, 66, 68-69, 73, and 76-77 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.
- 3). Claim 82 was objected to as being of improper dependent claim.
- 4). Claims 51-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.
- 5). Claims 2-5, 8-21, 23-25, 31, 34, 36-39, 42, 44-48, 53-54, 56-59, 61-65, 67, 70-72, 74-75, 79-81, 83-84, and 86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Peters (WO 95/30212) in view of Bank Network News, *Internet Technology Pushes New Services to ATMs*, Vol. 15, Issue 22, 4/11/1997 ("BNN") and Lu (US 6,035,336).
- 6). Claims 1, 7, and 55 remain canceled.
- 7). With the absence in the record of any rejection or objection thereto, claim 78 must be deemed by Applicants to be allowed by the Office. The allowance of claim 78 is appreciated.

The Amendment

Claims 6, 40, 41, 43, 60, 66, 73, and 76 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter. These claims are now independent claims, with claims 40 and 41 represented by independent claim 37. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 60, 66, 73, and 76 are now allowable.

Claims have been amended or canceled to advance prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file another application (e.g., a divisional application) relating to any claim.

The Rejections Are Traversed

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. None of the references teach or suggest a cash dispensing machine that can output a network-downloaded digital sound recording file to a portable computing device of a machine user. Where are these features and relationships found in the references?

In Peters's operation (page 39) a customer can either purchase a tangible product (e.g., compact disc) or "merely use the vending machine as an entertainment device" to play music. Peters's products dispensed during purchase are manually restocked (page 27, lines 1-4; page 48, lines 13-15).

Peters does not teach or suggest the ability to dispense currency responsive to a cash withdrawal request. Nor does Peters' vending machine have the structural ability to receive a cash withdrawal request or to dispense cash corresponding to such request. The Office has not addressed the cash dispensing and cash withdrawal request features (e.g., claim 86).

Neither BNN or Lu, taken alone or in combination, can alleviate the noted deficiencies in Peters. BNN and Lu are non analogous to Peters' vending machine. Where are BNN or Lu directed to vending? Further, where do BNN or Lu disclose an ability to dispense a network-